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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Apr 3, 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 and 18-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claims 1-10 and 18-48 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other: _____

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1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-9, 29-30, 32, 37 and 42-44, drawn to a method of synthesizing one bifunctional type compound, reacting at least one hydrogen of an alcohol, amine or thiol function of at least one chiral unit, classified in class various, subclass various.
 - II. Claims 10, 31 and 33, drawn to process of making polymer, classified in class 524, 525, subclass various.
 - III. Claims 18-20, 36, 41 and 45-46, drawn to polymerized cross linked chiral compound, classified in class 524, 525, subclass various.
 - IV. Claims 21-27 and 47, drawn to chiral support, classified in class various, subclass various.
 - V. Claims 28 and 48, drawn to process for separating chiral compound, classified in class 564, subclass 303.
 - VI. Claims 34-35, 39 and 40, drawn to process comprising polymerizing and cross linking chiral compound, classified in class various, subclass various.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The six inventions above are patentably distinct and divergent subject matter, classified in various different classes and subclasses. A reference anticipating one of the above group may not render the others obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103. Hence the restriction requirement is deemed proper.

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3. In view of the complexity of the restriction requirement, a written restriction requirement is hereby made. **Note that various claims are indefinite and vague. They are not clear, as to what is applicant claiming. Additionally, applicants need to elect a single final product, starting material, if any process or method is claimed. A single polymerised crosslinked compound should be elected if group III is elected. A single chiral support should be elected if Group IV is elected..**


Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CAR 1.143).

4. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventor ship must be amended in compliance with 37 CAR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventor ship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CAR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CAR 1.17(I).

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to S.Kumar whose telephone number is (703) 308-4519.

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